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| <b>IN THE<br/>UNITED STATES<br/>PATENT AND TRADEMARK<br/>OFFICE</b>                 | Application Number     | PCT/US99/27365         |
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|   | First Named Inventor   | Esther H. CHANG et al. |
|   | Group Art Unit         | To Be Assigned         |
|   | Examiner Name          | To Be Assigned         |
|   | Attorney Docket Number | 2444-107               |
| Title of the Invention: SYSTEMIC VIRAL/LIGAND GENE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND GENE THERAPY |                        |                        |

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amend claims 1, 17 and 19 as shown on the following page.

A marked-up copy of the original text of the amended claims is attached to this amendment.  
Material inserted is indicated by underlining.

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